

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a heated medical device, comprising:
providing a kit that includes ~~said~~ the medical device, a bag for housing liquid and a removal member,
wherein the medical device includes at least first and second surfaces;
wherein a first portion of the removal member is in contact with at least a portion of the first surface of the medical device and is further in contact with at least the second surface of the medical device, wherein the medical device and the removal member are located within the bag, and
wherein at least a second portion of the removal member is positioned outwardly of the bag;
heating ~~said~~ the medical device while the liquid, the medical device and at least a portion of the removal member are in said the bag and while a first end of the bag is open;
and
removing ~~said~~ the medical device from ~~said~~ the bag using ~~said~~ the removal member.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ providing the kit includes preparing ~~said~~ the kit for heating including placing ~~said~~ the liquid in ~~said~~ the bag.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ providing the kit includes positioning ~~said~~ the medical device within ~~said~~ the removal member.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein ~~said~~ the kit includes a wrap member and ~~said~~ providing the kit includes positioning ~~said~~ the medical device within ~~said~~ the wrap member and disposing ~~said~~ the removal member outwardly of ~~said~~ the wrap member and ~~said~~ the medical device.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ providing the kit

includes positioning at least portions of ~~said~~ the removal member outwardly of ~~said~~ the bag.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the heating includes using a heating unit and having at least portions of ~~said~~ the removal member extending outwardly of ~~said~~ the heating unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein ~~said~~ the heating unit includes at least one of a heating plate and a heating element and in which ~~said~~ the bag contacts ~~said~~ the at least one of ~~said~~ the heating plate and ~~said~~ the heating element during ~~said~~ the heating.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the heating includes maintaining a desired temperature using electrical power until ~~said~~ the removing.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the kit includes a wrap member and ~~said~~ the medical device includes a nose splint having adhesive and ~~said~~ providing the kit includes wrapping ~~said~~ the wrap member about ~~said~~ the nose splint, including ~~said~~ the adhesive thereof, wherein ~~said~~ the attached adhesive is attached to ~~said~~ the wrap member and ~~said~~ the removal member is disposed about ~~said~~ the wrap member and not in contact with ~~said~~ the adhesive.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein ~~said~~ the providing includes forming ~~said~~ the nose splint with a number of holes using a laser to cut holes in the splint material and ~~said~~ the forming includes providing a substantially smooth outer surface of ~~said~~ the nose splint using ~~said~~ the laser.

11. (Currently Amended) A medical kit, comprising:
a medical device;
a removal member ~~for positioning~~ positioned about ~~said~~ the medical device, wherein the medical device is held by the removal member;

a bag for housing liquid, the medical device, and at least a first portion of the removal member; and

a heating unit for heating ~~said~~ the medical device while the medical device is within the bag, while ~~said~~ the removal member is positioned about ~~said~~ the medical device, while at least the first portion of the removal member is located within the bag, and while and at least portions a second portion of said the removal member are is located outwardly of said the bag.

12. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the medical device includes a nose splint having a number of holes and adhesive on at least one side of ~~said~~ the nose splint.

13. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, further including a wrap member located about at least portions of ~~said~~ the medical device and with ~~said~~ the removal member located outwardly of ~~said~~ the wrap member.

14. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 13, wherein the medical device includes an adhesive on at least one side of the medical device, wherein said the adhesive is disposed between at least portions of the medical device and the wrap member, remains- detached from ~~said~~ adhesive and ~~said~~ wherein the removal member is not in contact with ~~said~~ the adhesive.

15. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the removal member is substantially rigid and at least portions thereof extend outwardly of ~~said~~ the heating unit and ~~said~~ the bag when ~~said~~ the bag, containing ~~said~~ the medical device and ~~said~~ the removal member, is heated using ~~said~~ the heating unit.

16. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the heating unit includes an opening that is substantially longer than it is wider in which ~~said~~ the bag containing ~~said~~ the medical device and ~~said~~ the removal member is inserted.

17. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the heating unit includes at least one of a heating plate and a heating element and in which at least portions of ~~said~~ the bag are in contact with at least ~~said~~ the one of ~~said~~ the heating plate and ~~said~~ the heating element.

18. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the removal member comprises a folded sheet.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18, wherein the folded sheet has a width that is less than a width of the bag and a length that is greater than a height of the bag.

20. (New) The kit of Claim 11, wherein the removal member comprises a folded sheet.